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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door comprising:
an outer door skin and an inner door panel defining a wet space on an interior of the vehicle door;
a manually actuatable element;
a latch mechanism operable by the manually actuatable element;
a trim panel mounted adjacent the inner door panel, the trim panel having a vehicle interior side defining a dry space, wherein the entire trim panel is waterproof and defines a waterproof barrier between the wet space and the dry space; and
a seal arrangement that seals the manually actuatable element relative to the trim panel to prevent moisture from passing to the vehicle interior side of the trim panel.
2. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 wherein the seal arrangement is provided by sealing the manually actuatable element to the trim panel.
3. (CANCELLED)
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 20[[,]] wherein the seal arrangement includes a first seal that seals the manually actuatable element to the bezel and a second seal that seals the bezel to the trim panel.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 4[[,]] wherein the manually actuatable element, the bezel and a portion of the seal arrangement are provided as a subassembly, wherein the manually actuatable element is sealed to the bezel by the portion of the seal arrangement.
6. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the manually actuatable element is an inside door handle arrangement.

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7. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 6 wherein the inside door handle arrangement includes an inside door handle and a substantially vertical shaft.
8. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 wherein the inside door handle is integral with the substantially vertical shaft.
9. (WITHDRAWN – CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 wherein the substantially vertical shaft is connected to an operating lever, and the operating lever operating-operates the latch mechanism.
10. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 wherein the substantially vertical shaft is sealed relative to the trim panel.
11. (WITHDRAWN – CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 wherein the manually actuable element is located by a bezel, ~~and~~ the bezel is secured to the trim panel and the substantially vertical shaft is sealed relative to the bezel.
12. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 wherein the manually actuable element is a sill button arrangement.
13. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 12 wherein the sill button arrangement includes a sill button and an operating rod.
14. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 wherein the sill button is integral with the operating rod.
15. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 wherein the operating rod is sealed relative to the trim panel.

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16. (WITHDRAWN – CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 wherein the manually actuatable element is located by a bezel, and the bezel is secured to the trim panel and the operating rod is sealed relative to the bezel.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the seal arrangement includes an o-ring.

18. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein a periphery of the trim panel is sealed to the vehicle door.

19. (CANCELLED)

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 wherein the manually actuatable element is located by a bezel, and the bezel is secured to the trim panel.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the inner door panel includes a hole that receives a portion of the manually actuatable element, and the hole allows the inner door panel to be water permeable.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the seal arrangement is elastic.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the inner door panel is water permeable.

24. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the trim panel provides a complete waterproof barrier between the wet space and the dry space of the vehicle door.